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I. VISITORS --

1. YUGOSLAVIA. FEDERAL SECRETARY FOR YUGOSLAVIAN ARMED FORCES, NIKOLA LJUBICIC VISITED LIBYA MARCH 29 TO APRIL 2. MEDIA REPORTED THAT MILITARY COOPERATION AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES MARCH 30 BUT GAVE NO DETAILS. ANOTHER NEWS REPORT NOTED THAT THE YUGOSLAV DEPMIN OF HEALTH VISITED LATE MARCH/EARLY APRIL. NO OTHER DETAILS KNOWN EXCEPT HE WAS THE GUEST OF LIBYA'S UNDERSEC FOR HEALTH, UNCLASSIFIED

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DR. ABD AL-MAJD ABD AL-HAD.

2. JORDAN. JORDANIAN PRIME MINISTER MUDHAR BADRAN PAID SHORT VISIT TO BENGHAZI APRIL 4-6 AS GUEST OF CHAIRMAN OF GENERAL PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE, ABD AL-ATI AL-UBAYDI. VISIT INCLUDED TALKS WITH LIBYAN LEADEH MU'AMMAR AL-QADHAFI AND FOCUSED ON BILATERAL AND

INTER-ARAB AFFAIRS. AN ECONOMIC AND A CULTURAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WERE SIGNED.

3. JAPAN. UNIDENTIFIED REPRESENTATIVE OF JAPANESE SOCIALIST PARTY VISITED LIBYA MARCH 28-APRIL 1. NO PRESS COMMUNIQUE ON HIS DISCUSSIONS WAS PUBLISHED, ALTHOUGH LOCAL MEDIA MENTIONED HE MET WITH LEADERS OF GENERAL PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE.

4. SOUTH YEMEN. STUDENT DELEGATION FROM PDYR VISITED LIBYA APRIL 2-9 TO PARTAKE IN CELEBRATIONS OF THE VICTORY OF "PROGRESSIVE" UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IN BENGHAZI IN 1976. VISIT WAS ACCORDED CONSIDERABLE PRESS COVERAGE, INCLUDING SEMINAR CONDUCTED JOINTLY WITH LIBYAN COUNTYPARTS.

5. TUNISIA. PARLIAMENTARIAN AND GENERAL DIRECTOR OF THE TUNISIAN COMPANY FOR MARITIME TRANSPORT, ABD AL-RAHMAN BEN MAS'UD, VISITED TRIPOLI APRIL 4-5. HOST WAS MANSUR BADR, LIBYAN SECRETARY OF MARITIME TRANSPORT. DISCUSSIONS FOCUSED ON INITIATING JOINT LIBYAN-TUNISIAN COMPANY FOR MARITIME TRANSPORTATION.

6. MONGOLIA. DEPUTY FORMIN JAMBLIN PANZER AND ACCOMPANYING DELEGATION VISITED LIBYA MARCH 29-APRIL 1. PANZER CARRIED A LETTER FROM MONGOLIAN CHAIRMAN UNCLASSIFIED

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YUMJAAGIYN TSEDENBAL TO LIBYAN PRESIDENT AL-QADHAFI. DURING HIS STAY, TSENENBAL WAS RECEIVED BY FORSEC TURAYKI. PRESS COMMUNIQUE ISSUED APRIL 1 NOTED THAT LIBYA AND MONGOLIA HAD DECIDED TO EXCHANGE AMBASSADORS AS MEANS OF PROMOTING AND STRENGTHENING BILATERAL TIES.

7. NIGER. DELEGATION REPRESENTING LIBYAN-NIGER SOCIETY LEFT TRIPOLI APRIL 4 FOLLOWING SHORT VISIT DURING WHICH THEY PARTICIPATED IN BRITISH EVACUATION DAY CEREMONIES WHICH WERE CELEBRATED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

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II. DEPARTURES --

8. SUDAN. DELEGATION FROM THE LIBYAN GENERAL TRADE
UNION DEPARTED LIBYA APRIL 1 ON SHORT VISIT TO KHARTOUM.
DELEGATION HEADED BY UNION'S DEP SEC GEN FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

9. ALGERIA. REPRESENTATIVES OF LIBYAN GENERAL UNION
OF TRANSPORT WORKERS DEPARTED TRIPOLI APRIL 3 FOR
ALGIERS TO ATTEND EXECUTIVE
BUREAU MEETING OF THE UNION
OF ARAB TRANSPORT WORKERS WHICH WAS HELD APRIL 4-7.

10. UNITED NATIONS. LOCAL MEDIA NOTED THAT LIBYAN
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DELEGATION PARTICIPATED IN UN'S FORUM ON OLIVES WHICH
WAS HELD IN GENEVA APRIL 5-7. NO FURTHER DETAILS
DISCUSSED.

11. POLAND. DELEGATION HEADED BY ASST UNDERSEC
FOR POL AFFAIRS OF THE FOREIGN SECRETARIAT RETURNED
TO TRIPOLI APRIL 5 AFTER SHORT VISIT TO WARSAW TO
DISCUSS BILATERAL RELATIONS. FURTHER DETAILS UN-
AVAILABLE.

12. TURKEY. DISCUSSIONS ON ECONOMIC AND TRADE COOPERATION WERE HELD APRIL 5-7 IN ANKARA BETWEEN LIBYAN DELEGATION HEADED BY RAJAB AL-MISALATI AND A TURKISH DELEGATION HEADED BY BALSAY QURUSH (PHONETIC).

13. MALTA. LIBYAN HEAD OF THE PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE FOR CONTROLLING POST OFFICE SERVICES IN TRIPOLI ARRIVED IN VALLETTA AT THE HEAD OF A SMALL DELEGATION APRIL 6 TO ATTEND TEN-DAY MEDITERRANEAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE.

III. CONFERENCES --

14. INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ECONOMICS HELD AT GAR YUNIS UNIVERSITY NEAR BENGHAZI APRIL 4-7. SPONSORED BY THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT, SYMPOSIUM DEALT WITH AN EXAMINATION OF THE CONTROVERSIAL SECOND PART OF COLONEL QADHAFI'S "GREEN BOOK." QADHAFI ADDRESSED THE SYMPOSIUM APRIL 5 DURING A SESSION ALSO ATTENDED BY VISITING JORDANIAN PRIME MINISTER BADRAN.

15. FOURTH ISLAMIC SEMINAR ON ISLAMIC BANKS WAS HELD IN BENGHAZI APRIL 4-5. AMONG ITEMS DISCUSSED UNCLASSIFIED

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WERE PLANS OF THE ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY FUND TO ESTABLISH ISLAMIC UNIVERSITIES IN BOTH EAST AND WEST AFRICA (NIGER AND UGANDA). CARLE

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